

ABSTRACT

Process for producing formed cellulosic articles, such as fibres, filaments, sheetings, membranes or tubes, comprising a) extruding a solution of cellulose in an aqueous amine oxide, particularly N-methylmorpholine N-oxide, through an extrusion die via an air gap and coagulating the formed article in an aqueous precipitation bath containing amine oxide, and b) passing the formed article through at least one washing stage for removing residual amine oxide from the article, characterized in that the liquor of the precipitation bath in the precipitation stage and/or the washing liquor of the washing stage(s) is treated with ultra-violet radiation. In this manner the formation and growth of coatings, films and slime deposits caused by microorganisms is avoided on parts of the plant which come into contact with said liquors containing the amine oxide.